

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A communications network comprising:
 - a circuit-switched network providing communications services to mobile terminals having service with said circuit-switched network;
 - a broadcast teleservice message center connected to said circuit-switched network to generate broadcast teleservice messages formatted according to a first messaging protocol for delivery to mobile terminals having service with said circuit-switched network;
 - a packet-switched network providing communication services to mobile terminals having service with said packet-switched network; and
 - an interworking function connecting said broadcast teleservice message center to said packet - switched network, said interworking function including a formatter-to-format translate broadcast teleservice messages according to from the first messaging protocol used in the circuit-swthched network into a second messaging protocol used in the packet-swtched network for delivery over said packet-switched network to mobile terminals having service with said packet-switched network.
2. (Original) The communications network of claim 1 wherein said first messaging protocol is the Broadcast Air-Interface Transport Protocol and said second messaging protocol is the Multicast Service Access Protocol.
3. (Original) The communications network of claim 1 wherein said packet-switched network implements the General Packet Radio Service.

4. (Original) The communications network according to claim 3 wherein said packet-switched network comprises a point-to-multipoint service center providing point-to-multipoint services.
5. (Original) The communications network according to claim 4 wherein said interworking function interfaces with said point-to-multipoint service center over a first interface.
6. (Original) The communications network of claim 5 wherein said first interface is a Gm interface.
7. (Original) The communications network of claim 1 wherein said packet-switched network comprises a serving GPRS support node.
8. (Original) The communications network according to claim 7 wherein said interworking function connects to said serving GPRS support node via a second interface.
9. (Original) The communications network according to claim 8 wherein said second interface is a Gn interface.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering broadcast teleservice messages to mobile terminals over a communications network comprising:

a-generating a broadcast teleservice message formatted according to a first messaging protocol in a broadcast teleservice message center;

transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said first messaging protocol over a circuit-switched network to one or more mobile terminals having service with said circuit-switched network;

~~formatting translating said broadcast teleservice message according to from the first messaging protocol used in the circuit-switched network into a second messaging protocol implemented by a used in the packet-switched network;~~

transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol from said broadcast teleservice message center to said packet-switched network; and

transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol over said packet-switched network to one or more mobile terminals having service in said packet-switched network.

11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol from said broadcast teleservice message center to said packet-switched network comprises transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol to a point-to-multipoint service center in said packet-switched network.

12. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising sending a change notification message from said circuit-switched network to said mobile terminals, said change notification message indicating changes in a broadcast channel.

13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol from said broadcast teleservice message center to said packet-switched network comprises transmitting said broadcast teleservice message formatted according to said second messaging protocol to a serving GPRS support node in said packet-switched network over a second interface.

14. (Previously Amended) A method for delivering subchannel data transmitted over a circuit-switched network to a mobile terminal having service with a packet-switched network, said method comprising:

assigning a group identification number to a service provider for said circuit-switched network;

assigning a one or more group identification numbers to sub-channels used by said service provider to transmit sub-channel data;

transmitting said one or more group identification numbers assigned to said sub-channels to mobile terminals registered with said packet-switched network in a first broadcast teleservice message having a group identification field and a data field, said one or more group identification numbers assigned to said sub-channels being contained in said first broadcast teleservice message data field, and said group identification number for said corresponding service provider being contained in said first broadcast teleservice message group identification field; and

transmitting sub-channel data to mobile terminals registered in said packet-switched network in a second broadcast teleservice message having a group identification field and a data field, said second broadcast teleservice message group identification field containing a group identification for a selected sub-channel to identify the sub-channel and said second broadcast teleservice message group data field containing said sub-channel data.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said sub-channel data comprises an Intelligent Roaming Database download message.

16. (Currently Amended) An interworking function connecting a broadcast teleservice message center to a packet-switched network, said interworking comprising:

a first interface connecting said interworking function to said broadcast message center, wherein said interworking function receives broadcast teleservice messages formatted according to a first messaging protocol over said first interface;

a formatter to-format translate said broadcast teleservice messages received over said first interface according to from said first messaging protocol into a second messaging protocol for delivery to mobile terminals having service with a packet-switched network; and

a second interface connecting said interworking function to said packet-switched network, wherein said interworking function transmits said broadcast teleservice messages formatted according to said second messaging protocol to said packet switched network over said second interface.

17. (Original) The interworking function according to claim 16 wherein said first interface connects to a mobile switching center node in a circuit-switched network.

18. (Original) The interworking function according to claim 17 wherein said first interface is a Gm interface interworking function interfaces with said point-to-multipoint service center over a first interface.

19. (Original) The interworking function according to claim 16 wherein said second interface connects to a serving GPRS support node in said packet-switched network.

20. (Original) The interworking function according to claim 19 wherein said second interface is a Gn interface.

21. (Currently Amended) A broadcast message center in a mobile communication network generating broadcast teleservice messages, said broadcast message center comprising:

 a broadcast message application generating said broadcast teleservice messages;

 a first interface connecting said broadcast message center to a circuit switched network, wherein said broadcast teleservice messages transmitted over said first interface are formatted according to a first messaging protocol;

 an interworking function including a protocol converter to translate to format said broadcast teleservice messages transmitted over said first interface according to from said first messaging protocol into a second messaging protocol for delivery to mobile terminals having service with a packet-switched network; and

 a second interface connecting said interworking function to said packet-switched network, wherein said interworking function transmits said broadcast teleservice messages formatted according to said second messaging protocol to said packet switched network over said second interface.

22. (Original) The broadcast message center according to claim 21 wherein said second interface connects to a serving GPRS support node in said packet-switched network.

23. (Original) The broadcast message center according to claim 22 wherein said second interface is a Gn interface.